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Message...

Announcing the launch of our weekly online digital free cultural news bulletin - INKochi.
On why we finally decided to launch a cultural news bulletin.

April 14, 2021

First of its kind INKochi for Kochinites.

With our inaugural issue, we are pleased to announce the launch of our new online free news bulletin. We will be regularly creating original content each Wednesday.

This will be a bulletin inspires our readers in Kochi and its suburbs with new ideas and knowledge. With the curated briefings, we hope to give readers access to what we have been researching, designing, building and thinking on art, cultural, food, leisure and tourism. We hope this will be a welcome addition to your social media inbox and encourage you to subscribe our news bulletin - INKochi.

Our goal with this news bulletin is to create something that is candid, genuine and beneficial to our readers those who believe and enjoy art, culture, food, tourism, public space gatherings and happenings, which is not available now in Kochi. We chose a weekly schedule to ensure that our correspondence is never overwhelming and that the content delivered is relevant.

As with most things that we do, we also view the creation of our online news bulletin as a great opportunity to experiment. It will also be exciting to evaluate how our readers are engaging with our content as we go along. Thus, we will welcome any feedback and will seek to continually improve with each issue. It is through this ongoing experiment that we look to gain more knowledge, insight and ideas that we will pass along to our future readers.

Since INKochi shall be in free circulation, we plan to meet the cost by selling advertisement space. Those who are interested in supporting and sponsoring our initiative can book the space for their advertisements.

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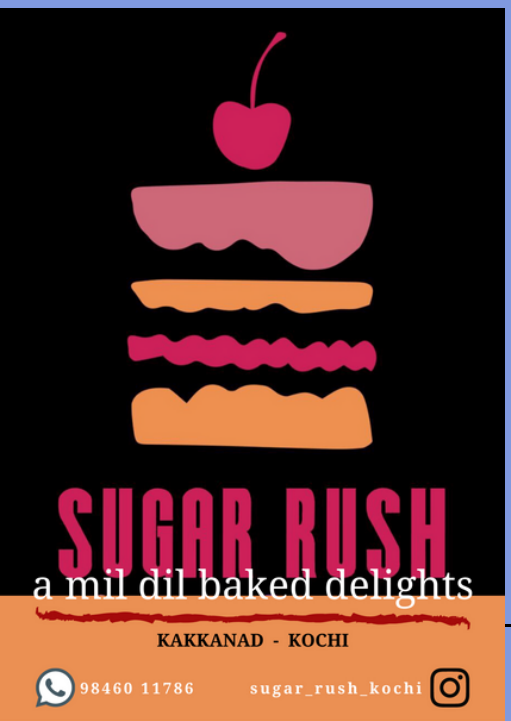
By: Salim Hana

The contemporary art exhibition titled **'Lokame Tharavadu'** — meaning 'the world is one family' — is being organised by the Kochi Biennale Foundation and is curated by renowned artist Bose Krishnamachari. The event will include art exhibitions, cultural programmes, conferences, sessions by artists, academicians and musicians. It will start on April 18 until July 04.

Lokame Tharavadu, the largest festival of Malayali artists coming to Alleppey, the land of backwaters, houseboats and coir warehouses.

What they are about to witness is an art experience like never before, with 267 Malayali artists living across India and abroad, assembling in this beach town, for three months to come.
As the name suggests, the exhibition will bring together artists with Kerala roots from countries such as the Netherlands, France, US, Australia, Turkey, Germany, England, Kuwait and Dubai.
Five out of the six venues are in Alappuzha — the Kerala State Coir Corporation building, New Model Society building, Port Museum, structure of William Goodcare and Sons and Alleppey Company Ltd — while one is in Ernakulam's Durbar Hall.



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Artist Matthew Simmonds has carved out a unique career for himself. Inspired by a lifelong interest in stone buildings, the Copenhagen-based sculptor is known for his exquisite marble models of sacred architecture.

Unlike most architectural maquettes of churches, cathedrals, and other buildings, Simmonds' small-scale sculptures are not free-standing models. Instead, they exist within raw slabs of stone, where they "reveal intricate internal worlds" that are alluringly ethereal yet inherently grounded in earthly shells. The contrast between the finely carved models and the rough marble symbolically touches on "the relationship between nature and human endeavor"—a key aspect of Simmonds' practice.

Matthew Simmonds meticulously crafts palm-sized historical architectural sculptures out of stone

By: Varghese Thomas

To aptly capture this concept of "human endeavor," Simmonds adorns these tiny worlds with awe-inspiring architectural elements that have come to characterize medieval building conventions. Domes that play with negative space, vaulting that blends into the marble, and ornate columns that appear to support an impossible weight are just some of the details found in these jaw-dropping sculptures. An exhibition of the same been scheduled in Kochi, in association with **Artfluenz Embassy** once the Covid situation gets controlled.

If you'd like to explore Simmonds' ongoing collection of marble sculptures for yourself, wander around his website: http://www.mattsimmonds.com

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YAY!
Cake-in-laws...

By: Varghese Thomas

Inspired by self made classic recipes by two in-laws. Mother in-law – Rasheeda Rafeeq and daughter in-law – Faeza Abdul Majeed, a funniest combination of human relationship, created a bakery at their kitchen at home that uses the finest, simple ingredients and brings celebration into each and every day.

SugarRush - an in-laws venture in Kakkanad, Kochi, started in 2018 by both Rasheeda and Faeza. Rasheeda says it is a combined effort, but it is more like a hobby than a business, the daily cooking ritual and special time together in the kitchen given birth to this idea after visiting a cake expo and attending few classes. The feedback and inspiration from friends and friends of friends gave us the push to go forward. Faeza would like to call it an interest that paved way to a very small scale business which is promoted only by word of mouth and thru instagram.

They emphasis on - “we do not use any mixes, artificial colouring and preservatives, or shortening in our products. We bake our products from scratch using only the freshest and finest ingredients and it’s comparitively sugar less and it’s custom made. We specialise in custom hand drawn designs and the pricing varies greatly depending upon complexity of design and the weight of the cakes”.

Deliciously they says, that the custom cakes are designed to meet customers' needs and tastes for a perfect match made in our kitchen! Whether it is an elegantly flower dressed finish or a playfully sculpted themed for a special occasion, it will not only look amazing, but also taste as good as it looks with our signature cake flavours.

Their idea was simple but surprisingly revolutionary: Their signature cake is Red Velvet and they also make fruit flavoured seasonal cakes with mango, passion fruit, strawberries, raspberry, blueberry, beetroot etc... Interestingly, they make almost all the classic cakes - Baked Alaska, Tiramisu, Opera and Cheese cakes. Consistency is a small issue because all the fruits are seasonal and they don't get store brought purees and compotes.

“A delicious slice of cake can immediately bring a bit of celebration to an ordinary day. "I hope you enjoy SugarRush cake now?" Faeza asked. Yes...really a mil-dil experience.

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VYPIN - a peaceful haven close to Fort Cochin

By: Adam Vipin

Vypin Island was formed after the great floods of 1341 and has the story of invasion by many foreign regimes. The Portuguese, Dutch and British dynasties. The island (aka 'Vypeen') runs in a north-south direction, its southernmost tip being across the estuary from Fort Cochin.

The southern shore of Vypin is a peaceful contrast to the relatively busy shore of Fort Cochin, which faces it across the water. A good paved footpath follows the shoreline, passing several Chinese fishing net set-ups, upon whose ropes and wooden structural elements sea birds roost. On a recent visit, most the avian population consisted of white egrets.

Taking one of the paths that lead away from the sea, one enters a series of narrow lanes lined with domestic residences surrounded by lush gardens. Wandering around these lanes reminded me of the lesser visited parts of Venice. There was hardly anyone around, little or no traffic, and a lovely calm silence.

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WildLife

Grey Heron (Ardea Cinerea)
Status - Uncommon, with small breeding population @ Kadamakudy, Kochi.

Orange - Tailed Marsh Dart
(Ceriagrion Cernorubellum) @ Kochi.

Photographs by: Basil Peter

Lone Tusker in musth...
@ Parambikulam Tiger Reserve, Kerala

Close encounter... Sambar Deer
(Rusa Unicolor)
@ Athirapilly Forest, Kerala

Artworks for sale...

Artist: Sunil Linus De

Untitled (March 2021)

Medium: Watercolor
Paper: Indian Handmade 440gsm
Size: 30x22 inches
Unframed

Price: Rs.50000/-

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Artist: Sara Hussain

Untitled (April 2021)

Medium: Acrylic on canvas
Size: 2x2 ft. Stretched

Price: Rs.8500/-

Code-INK121

Artist: Lekha Vyloppilly

Untitled (April 2021)

Medium: Mixed on canvas
Acrylic, Watercolor, Pencil
(rice paper applied over canvas)
Size: 2x1.5 ft. Unframed

Price: Rs.9000/-

Code-INK122

Artist: Chaitali

Title: Epiphany (11-04-2021)

Medium: Pencil & Crayon
Minimalist art on paper A3
Unframed

Price: Rs.5000/-

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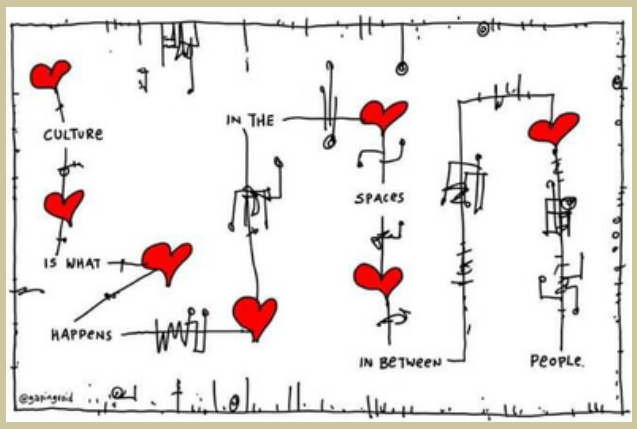

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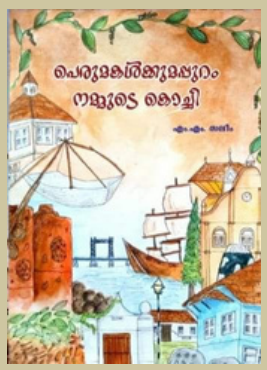

Nicely written book about Kochi.
By: M M Salim

Poematic...

It always used to be ..
dance in the rain so that no
one sees you crying...
Let the rain drops wash away the tears ..
This time its was joy...
the doubts still remain, stubborn they were,
Still these tiny droplets can loosen
their grip I feel..
there was no rain ...
so we made our own.. world..
And then.. with a cooler happier heart and...

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